



# City of Surrey

## *Council-in-Committee*

### *Minutes*

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005  
Time: 4:00 p.m.

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#### **Present:**

Mayor McCallum  
Councillor Villeneuve  
Councillor Steele  
Councillor Priddy  
Councillor Watts  
Councillor Hunt  
Councillor Higginbotham

#### **Absent:**

Councillor Tymoschuk  
Councillor Bose

#### **Staff Present:**

City Manager  
City Clerk  
General Manager, Planning & Development  
City Solicitor  
General Manager, Engineering  
General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR

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## **A. DELEGATIONS**

### **1. Patricia Cecchetto, President Surrey Abilities Society File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10**

Patricia Cecchetto, President, Surrey Abilities Society was in attendance to provide further information with respect to their non-profit society called Surrey Abilities Society, and to gain Council support.

Patricia Cecchetto provided the following comments:

- She is a Surrey resident, the daughter of a parent with a brain injury, and she works in the social service sector.
- People with brain injuries are often not living in proper, suitable quarters.
- She started a support group for people with brain injuries due to stroke or accident called "Surrey Abilities Society" in August 11, 2004.
- A feasibility study was carried out and it was found that people with brain injuries in the community are not being served properly.
- People with brain injuries are expected to go to the Fraser Valley or New Westminster to get services; these people are marginalized and often don't have adequate funding.
- The Lions Club had provided funds for people to attend the support group.
- There are approximately 296 per 100,000 people with non-traumatic brain injury due to infection, stroke, choking, etc.
- There are 144 per 100,000 people with a traumatic brain injury who receive services through WCB or ICBC.
- The support group provides a network of resources for the community, but we have a social responsibility to see these people are served.
- Guildford Recreation staff have helped the organization, and the Surrey Abilities Society is committed to go forward with "Project Awareness".
- There are many social impacts of brain injuries on individuals and families.
- They see mothers, children and other family members facing serious mental health issues.

- People requiring services are not getting the help they need; the provincial government does not provide funding.
- She asked that the community take a stand; embrace these people and learn more about brain injuries.
- She would like to ask the City of Surrey if they could provide some programs to people with brain injuries and their families in a community setting.
- Leisure Access passes are hard for these people to gain as their income is calculated on their family's income.
- She asked that the City of Surrey please look into this matter.
- She requested programs be developed to train people to assist brain-injured people coming out of hospital to guide them through the system.
- There are between 7,800 and 14,000 people per year who become brain injured.
- There is no provincial voice; there is a need for people from many communities to embrace these people.

**2. Karon Trenaman**  
**ICBC Loss Prevention - Surrey**  
File: 0550-20-10

Karon Trenaman, ICBC Loss Prevention - Surrey was in attendance to make a short presentation regarding the October Community Crash Reduction Challenge.

Karen Trenaman provided the following comments:

- She presented a new concept of the Provincial Community Crash Reduction Challenge last April.
- Car crashes are one cause of brain injury.
- She asked Council's support for the October 2005 Community Crash Reduction Challenge.
- The official kick-off will be held September 26, 2005 in Queensborough.
- The goal is to have a zero crash month and reduction in the number of motor vehicle crashes across B.C.
- Surrey RCMP will measure car crashes in Surrey and analyze how to prevent accidents at the same locations.
- This year's Crash Challenge will be for the period October 1 to 31.
- On average there is one crash every two minutes and one person injured every five hours.
- The official launch will take place September 26, 2005 and advertising will be through TV, radio and bus shelters.
- The goal is to encourage residents to look at their own, usual driving behaviours and change any risky behaviours such as excessive speeding, drinking, reaching down to sip coffee or rushing late to work.
- Five different prize categories are based on population: Surrey falls in the grouping of 40,001 plus population.
- Surrey will be competing with 19 other communities.
- Surrey did well last time and saw a reduction of 471 crashes during the contest period or a reduction of 19%.

- ICBC was pleased and proud that Surrey responded so well.
- A \$35,000 road safety grant will be provided for the highest reduction in each category.
- People are encouraged to go on line to [www.zerocrash.com](http://www.zerocrash.com) to take a personal pledge they will examine their usual driving behaviours and modify anything that would increase the risk of accidents.
- Prizes are: \$35,000 toward a new vehicle for adults 19 years or older; five sets of 4 tires from CalTire; and new bikes for people 16 years and under.
- She asked for Council's endorsement for this concept of promoting crash reduction challenge.

It was

Moved by Councillor Higginbotham  
 Seconded by Councillor Watts  
 That Council endorses the October 2005

Crash Reduction Challenge in Surrey.

Carried

**3. Wayne Iggulden, Tony Pinheiro, Ken Lego, and Dave Hoenderop**  
 File: 0550-20-10; 4020-20

Wayne Iggulden, Tony Pinheiro, Ken Lego, and Dave Hoenderop were in attendance regarding a drug rehabilitation halfway house located at 7533 - 143 Street.

- A halfway house was started three months ago in their neighbourhood.
- The operators have stated they are recovering alcoholics who do not appear to have any qualifications or accountability.
- The operators appear to be recovering addicts who want to help other people out who are in the same situation.
- The residents are recovering addicts from Vancouver and the operators collect their welfare payments; provide some services, room and board.
- The operators advised him this is not a profitable enterprise.
- The operators claimed to have taken out a criminal record check and the residents have not been convicted of any serious sexual offences.
- They were advised that some residents may have been convicted of petty theft.
- He asked who ensures the operators perform criminal checks on these residents.
- The residents have observed these residents walking the streets at 2:00 a.m. unsupervised; operators go home at night.
- By-law Enforcement advised that up to six residents can live at the home without a license being obtained.
- The halfway house is close to elementary schools and daycare centres.
- The neighbours are concerned about property devaluation.

David Hoenderop was in attendance and provided the following comments:

- He lives directly behind the property in question.

- There are 12 people living in the home and By-law Enforcement has advised that they had visited the site and noted only 6 residents in the house.
- His grandson is afraid to play in the backyard due to behaviour of the residents.
- He was forced to install a chainlink fence and then noted several verbal altercations with the residents.
- He cannot enjoy his backyard and noted that the residents of the house wander around the neighbourhood at all hours of the day and night.
- He talked to the property own and asked him to build a fence, but the owner was not willing to pay the cost.

The Mayor noted that staff would review the situation and provide a report to Council, a copy to be provided to the delegation.

**B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**C. CORPORATE REPORTS**

**D. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

**E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

It was  
  
now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Higginbotham  
Seconded by Councillor Hunt  
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

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Chairperson